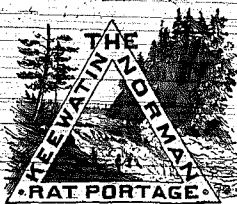


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INCORPORATION.

It will be seen by reference to our local page that our Reeve, now in Toronto promoting the bill of incorporation of Rat Portage as a town, has been approached in reference to conditions respecting the Tunnel under water power and union, with Keewatin. The Record decidedly approves of his action in agreeing to exempt the water power from taxation, and heartily endorses any move that may be made for amicable union with Keewatin. It is to be regretted that action was not taken earlier in order that such proposed union could have had full consideration with the bill of incorporation. It is gratifying to find that the bill is not meeting with the opposition that was feared, rumors as to which were referred to in our issue of last week. Pressure of business prevents us fully discussing these matters this week, but we will do so in our next.

NEWSPAPER ETHICS.

The following on newspaper ethics is peculiarly applicable at the present time to the concern down street. It might be considered arrogantly personal if the idea originated with us, but it will not be taken that way when the source is remembered to be so highly a respected and widely cultivated journal as the Detroit Free Press. We only make the local application.

A newspaper, says George William Curtis, in Harper, gains neither character nor influence by abandoning good manners. It may, indeed, make itself disagreeable and annoying and so silence opposition, as a polemic may effectually close the wood path which you have designed to take. It may be feared, and in the same way as that animal—fear and despised. But this effect must not be confounded with newspaper power and influence. It is exceedingly annoying, undoubtedly, to be placed all over town as a liar or a donkey, a hypocrite or a snail thief. But although the effect is most unpleasant, very little ability is required to produce it. A little paper and printing, a little paste, a great deal of malice, a host of "bill stickers" are all that are needed, and even the pecuniary cost is not large. The effect is forced or influence upon the part of its producer. Detroit Free Press.

"M. Quad" is an acknowledged genius, and his specialty—the Arizona "Kicker" is very widely read and published. His column appearing in the Free Press within a week, contains the following, which is a very accurate description of the News, and which would indicate an intimate acquaintance with that wonderful sheet:

"A Sap-Dip! Our subscribers will bear witness that we have never mentioned our contemporary when we could possibly avoid it. We have no quarrel with him. He runs an alleged weekly paper which has 430 subscribers, including dead heads. He can neither shoot nor edit. He ought to have come here and started a small cooper shop. We never think of him without a feeling of pity, and have always stood ready to lend him our card or our pen, but he has never done so. He is now eight years old. Henry Richardson, Sappho, Ont.

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The tender of Mr. McBitchie for 35 cords of wood at \$2.50, was accepted.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(We assume responsibility for the opinions and statements of correspondents.)

Norman, March 1st.

To the Editor of The Record:

Sir,—As a true born Scotchman I can see no reason why we should not have a branch of the St. Andrew's Society in our midst. We have been visited from time to time by the Society from Winnipeg. We have the representatives of nearly all the clans amongst us in name, and I have no doubt that if the matter was fairly brought before the minds of Scotchmen and their descendants that in a very short time we would have a strong society in Rat Portage, and would be in a position to receive the Winnipeg Society on its next annual visit. If you will kindly find a corner in The Record for this, perhaps it may be the means of leading to a meeting of the clans.

SCOTCHMAN.

INCORPORATION.

There's trouble in the atmosphere a regular storm is brewing.

And men are just at their wits end, not knowing what they're doing.

They talk incorporation, but they do not seem to know

Just how to go about it, or begin to make a show.

They've sent down cost, three delegates to see what can be done.

And while we wait impatiently they're having lots of fun.

O's nice to be a delegate, a delegate, a delegate to see what can be done.

It's nice to be a delegate, a delegate, a delegate to see what can be done.

Rat Portage is a pretty place, no one can deny that.

And everything is lovely and engaging of the spot!

There's a big great hall, we're folks of some renown!

Let's up, and e're the three got back, incorporate the town.

Let's paint it red, white, or blue, or some artistic shade.

To show these worthy delegates the stuff of which we're made.

Why should we languish here and pine, over things we cannot get?

Time brings the change, and we shall be incorporated yet.

Bill Norman and Keewatin too, with us, their hands will join.

And Rat Portage, home of the husky dog, as a city great will shine.

Then come back home ye delegates, ambassadors of our town.

And when you're ready for the change, we'll send you once more down.

BILLY GRIMES, Minneapolis, Ont.

THE EVE OF QUATRE BRAS' LO.

CALZIDE.

AFTER BYRON—A LONG WAY.

There was a sound of revelry the other night.

And that Portage town had gathered then her beauty and her cheer, and bright.

The electric lamps shone over fair women and brave men.

A dozen of my heart beat happily; and when music arose with its voluptuous swells, NOT one turned away to eyes which spoke of grief.

And all went merry as a marriage bell but hark! a jingling

Sound came with a music small.

Did ye not hear it? 'Twas but the wind, or the (proposed electric) car rattling o'er the snowy street!

Or was the deeper yet joy unexpressed. No step left motion, when youth and pleasure met.

To chase the glowing hours with fiery feet, that hark! that jingling sound breaks in on us more.

As if the calling his echo would repeat.

There came a sound, a music small.

It is, it is the electric car on the second floor.

Somehow within the precincts of Victoria Hall.

Sat several fated people who did hear—Think amid the first amidst the festival.

And amidst the noise with a mighty hurra, car!

And when they smiled because it was so near, that hark! that jingling sound breaks in on us more.

Which for an appetizer called for beer—And amidst the noise, their hearts alone could hear.

They rush to the Hub and for beer alone they call.

Ah! then and there was hurrying to and fro, And dress suits too, and rustlings of a dress.

And stonach's filled, which but was born ago, For only once and every guest.

Then after that was dancing in quick haste: The quadrille, and then the lively waltz. Uninterrupted, went on for all the rest.

As quadrilles and dances have their faults.

When soon were sudden partings, such as were.

The life from out young lancers; and supposed on the

Way should not be repeated; who could guess.

If ever again they be there, with mutual eyes, Black upon black, or sweet upon sweet.

And next could they

TOWN TOPICS

—Mr. Hubbs visited the Eagle river camp this week.

—Mr. Francis has erected a new picket fence in front of his boat house property.

—Mr. Thos Philbin of Stratford, Ont., is here making a short visit with his brother Mr. J. F. Philbin.

—The News says "the Winnipeg curdies done up the local team," but does not say when they "done" it, or how they "done" it.

—Work is progressing on the addition to Mr. Chas. Sterling's new boat house, which will be 35x50 feet when complete.

—Mr. Walpole Roland, C. E., of Port Arthur, was here this week to examine and report on Minniscabie island and adjoining islands, it being the intention of the owners to work the mineral veins thereon.

—A conference has lately been held between Gen. Supt. White, and the assistant superintendent of the C. P. R. western division, and the committee of conductors and brakemen the readjustment of wages and other matters.

—A meeting of the merchants was held in the town hall yesterday afternoon, the object being to form an organization for protection against deal beats. After some discussion, the meeting adjourned to some future date, when it is expected a permanent organization will be formed.

—A rink of Winnipeg curdies was in town on Wednesday, and played a Rat Portage rink with the following result:

WINNIEP. RAT PORTAGE.
G. W. Murray, F. Hudson,
John Dick, H. Langford,
Alex. Black, N. Schnarr,
A. Brown, skip—17 H. Barnes.—7

—A very pleasant "at home" was given last Monday evening at the residence of Mr. P. H. Clark by the Epworth League in connection with the Methodist church. The meeting was most enjoyably spent in various ways, there being music, singing games and other amusements. This was the first of a series, which are proposed to be given.

—Last Wednesday evening a lecture was delivered in the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Winnipeg. The subject was "Tom Brown in Winnipeg," and gave in a very entertaining manner, the adventures and difficulties encountered by a typical Englishman in making success in the city of Winnipeg. There was a large attendance which enjoyed a rich literary treat.

—A letter received from Mr. Wm. McCarthy, states that a telegraph line from Rat Portage to Albany river will, in the near future, be built by the Dominion Government, that the Lake of the Woods will be opened to net fishing with slight reservations near the Indian reserves, and that the improvements in the navigation of Albany river will be proceeded with this year.

—Our humble poet "Billy Grimes," we fear, will begin to think that he is becoming a most important personage when he reads this week's issue of that mighty organ of public opinion printed down street. The great Rat Portage "Thunderer" has actually devoted two-thirds of a long column of editorial to him. It is indeed a matter of astonishment that Mr. Grimes should receive so much attention from so important a personage as the editor of the News. No doubt he will recover, as will also the readers of the News.

—The management of the Princess rink have decided upon holding a carnival on Friday, 14th March. The following prizes will be given: best lady's costume, first, an oxidized collar and cuff box valued at \$5.50; second, a plush album valued at \$5; gentlemen's best costume, first, a hair watch guard valued at \$3.50, second, a gold scarf pin valued at \$2.25; girl's best costume, a rolled gold brooch valued at \$3.50; boy's best costume, a solid gold scarf pin valued at \$2.25; best comique, a book, Romeo and Juliet, valued at \$7.75. The prizes may be seen at Mr. D. T. Ferguson's jewelry store.

—There is published evidence of terrible excitement down at the News office. The trouble was so hot that it boiled over in a most contemptible attack upon a highly respected citizen, Mr. P. H. Clark, in reference to the printing of a small job for the municipality. His statement as to the offers for printing the collector's notices is of the "Ananias order." Written tenders were not put in, but verbal offers were given from the News and Record offices, and ours was twenty-five cents less (not more) than theirs. That is the plain fact as stated by Mr. Clark, and the people of Rat Portage will have no hesitation in taking his word before that of the editor of the News. As to the printing of the assessment notices, it is true that no tenders were asked, but Mr. Clark's experience with this office has shown him that we do not make excessive charges, and therefore the municipality will not lose a cent by his action. In its frenzy the News forgot to tell its readers that it also has done printing for the municipality for which tenders were not asked. The Record made no kick, nor did it make any personal attack upon any of the officials of the municipality in reference thereto. This office does what printing comes to it, and does not get excited if the News gets a little occasionally. It may or it may not be a matter of surprise that the News should become so greatly exercised over a matter of printing, the price of which will not be more than \$8. Since that paper has raised the question of municipal printing, the Record proposes next week to show how that concern has extorted money from the people of Rat Portage for printing in the past.

On Wednesday evening the following telegram was received from Reeve Campbell in reference to the town corporation Bill now before the Legislative Assembly at Toronto. "Agreed to exempt Mather on water power improvements, his dam to be used as public thoroughfare, and he to keep same in repair. Any improvements erected on the water power to be assessable. Mather favorable to uniting Keewatin on amicable terms to both parties. I would advise calling public meeting immediately, if the wish of people, make a proposition to Keewatin council and confer with them on what basis and representation. I think the proposition a good one if can agree on division of wards. Council thinks better to unite. If you do not wish to unite, can get bill through as revised by your committee and my agreement with Mather. Norman could not withdraw from us even if we desired her to do so. Government against any such divisions."

On Thursday morning notices were issued calling a public meeting in the town hall that evening. Soon after eight o'clock Mr. John Nash, acting Reeve, called the meeting to order when the following resolution was introduced:

"That this meeting having duly considered the telegram from Reeve Campbell, and believing that as there is not sufficient time to consider the question of uniting with Keewatin, it would be better to leave that matter over for further consideration. Resolved that Reeve Campbell be instructed to have the bill for the incorporation of the town of Rat Portage, finally passed by the legislature as approved of by the citizen's committee and the council of the township of Rat Portage."

It was passed without discussion, and a motion to adjourn was quickly carried. The meeting did not last longer than fifteen minutes.

Just as the motion to adjourn was carried, it was realized by some of those coming late that they had had no part in the supposed discussion of the contents of Reeve Campbell's telegram. Amid the confusion of an unorganized gathering, it was moved and seconded, that Mr. R. Hall take the chair, which he did, and what was left of the former meeting and some new arrivals were called to order. After some desultory discussion, the second meeting almost unanimously confirmed the action of the previous meeting.

NORMAN.

—The Royal Templars of Rockland council, will hold an at home next Wednesday evening. A good time is expected.

—There was a birthday party at the residence of Mr. Thos. Teevens a few evenings ago, which a number of friends attended.

—A petition signed by a large number of ratepayers resident in Norman was forwarded to Mr. James Connee, M. P. P., last Monday night, asking that the interests of Norman be looked after in the proposed Bill of Incorporation.

—The Rev. Hugh Pedley, of Winnipeg, delivered a lecture in the hall last Tuesday night. The Rev. R. Nairn, B. A., occupied the chair. The title of the lecture was "Tom Brown at Home," in which the Rev'd gentleman gives an account of his trip to England last summer. The lecture throughout was very interesting, and it was delivered with considerable force and ability.

Dr. T. A. Stocum's
OXYGENIZED EMULSION OF PURE COD LIVER OIL. It cures Coughs, Bronchitis, etc. For sale by all druggists.

Notice.

FOR the purpose of advancing the interest of mining in the district, D. L. Mather and R. A. Mather, of Keewatin, W. T. Creighton, and J. M. Savage, of Rat Portage, have procured mining location No. 352 P.

Application has been made by D. L. Mather, R. A. Mather, W. T. Creighton, J. Hildreth and J. M. Savage for a charter under the name of the

Canadian Homestake Mining Company LIMITED.

It is proposed to erect on the property, plant for development, and in order to secure the support of the residents of the district and those who wish to assist, the company intend to place on the market, 25,000 shares of stock at the nominal rate of 20 cents per share, for the next thirty days.

Further information will be furnished on application to any of the above. The company or any of its members will not be responsible for any liabilities incurred or contracts entered into, unless on the written order of D. L. Mather.

If you ever come once you will come back again, to.

A. GIBSON'S,

Who has always on hand

Choice BEEF, Mutton & Pork,

AND ALL KINDS OF

VEGETABLES.

Just received, a shipment of

Small Hogs for family use

COME AND SEE THEM.

Also in FISH we have

Smelts, Sprats, Haddies, Yarmouth Bloaters, And Labrador Herring.

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A. GIBSON,

Second Street, Rat Portage.

Telephone 29.

The Skating Rink

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LEAP YEAR

We "press our suits" on the public with renewed vigor this year, because it is open to everyone to make a

Proposal

We make ours knowing that it will not be

Rejected

Because we offer the best goods in the market at low and more than reasonable prices; therefore we have

No

Fear of the public refusing such a chance, but are confident that both our goods and prices will be warmly

Accepted.

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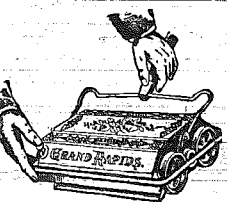
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Goods Delivered Free to Norman and Keewatin.

J. F. PHILBIN.

Brighten the New Year,

And you're likely looking for something to lighten your wife's labor. Nothing you could buy would please her more than a good CARPET SWEEPER.



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